



**South Carolina  
Department of  
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**Mark Sanford**  
Governor  
State of South Carolina

October 16, 2009

The Honorable Jim Rex  
State Superintendent of Education  
1429 Senate Street  
Rutledge Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Superintendent Rex:

In compliance with Joint Resolution H.3352 (Act 86), attached you will find the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice School District's report on Funding Flexibility and Spending Reductions for the first quarter of the 09/10 school year. As you know, state law (63-19-380) designates the Department "as a special school district" and mandates that we "operate a continuous progress education program" throughout the calendar year. Consequently our FY 09/10 first quarter report represents a number of weeks during which DJJ's school district was involved with classroom instruction while most other school districts were not. In addition, because we are a Title I school district and also have approximately 45% of our student population identified for special education, a much larger percentage of our operating funds are restricted; therefore, our ability to move funds into other program areas or to cover other expenses is limited.

However, in Section I of the attached report, we are requesting funding transfers for amounts remaining in eight (8) specified funds that do allow for this type of flexibility. These funds will be transferred to EFA and EIA accounts to cover payroll deficits.

In addition and as previously referenced in my letter to you dated June 29, 2009, because of the appropriation reductions and budget cuts experienced by all of state government in FY 08-09, the Department's school district began making cuts in personnel and reducing expenditures in the second quarter of the 2008-2009 school year. These reductions included the termination for budgetary reasons of 29 teachers and certified staff and the termination of 5 support personnel. This reduction represented approximately 23% of the DJJ School District staff, with none of these individuals having been recalled/rehired for the 09/10 school year.

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As you are also well aware, during the first quarter of FY 09/10, state budget cuts have continued. Additionally, education revenue paid to the Department by local school districts has declined, along with a continuing decline in our student population, which will further reduce funding to our Department. Despite all these funding reductions, other than the resignation of three classroom teachers, whose positions we will retain vacant for the foreseeable future, no further staff reductions have occurred to date during the FY 09/10 school year. However, despite these resignations and last year's staff reductions, given our reduced student population, our staffing patterns continue to meet or exceed our Defined Minimum Program requirements and we remain able to maintain our State Department of Education and Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACS) accreditations.

Finally, DJJ's school district, as has the Agency as a whole, continues to reduce our budget for travel, has eliminated all conferences paid for through state funds, has eliminated all staff training unless mandated and paid for by a grant funding source. We are continuing our efforts to significantly curtail our after school sports and other extracurricular programming.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call or email either one, or both of us, and we will gladly provide this additional information to you.

With kind personal regards,

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William R. Byars, Jr.  
Chairman, DJJ School Board

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Meda Cobb  
Superintendent, DJJ School District

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cc: Hon. Hugh K. Leatherman, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
Hon. John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee  
Hon. Daniel T. Cooper, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee  
Hon. Phillip D. Owens, Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee

SCDE Receipt:

District Name: SCDJJ

Section I. (provide additional forms as necessary)

Transfer From (Include Program name and sub-fund *) (Identify any prior year carryover amounts)	Current Allocation	Transfer Amount (up to 100%)	Transfer to (Include Program name and sub-fund)
3472 - Middle School Lottery	3,908	3,908	3300 - Education Finance ACT
3472 - Formative Assessments	2,255	2,255	3300 - Education Finance ACT
4973 - OVE equipment	6,598	6,598	3300 - Education Finance ACT
4973 - OVE Tech Prep STW	4,816	4,816	3300 - Education Finance ACT
4973 - PDSI	1,970	1,970	3300 - Education Finance ACT
4973 - 8th grade awareness	551	551	3300 - Education Finance ACT
4973 - 9th grade awareness	1,520	1,520	3300 - Education Finance ACT

\* The following appropriations are excluded from this flexibility (both as transfers into and out): Teacher Salary Supplement/Fringe, National Board Certification, Teacher Supply and Teacher of the Year  
Districts should use judicious caution when transferring those funds received through a competitive grant process

Section 2. (provide additional information as necessary)

(1) Our district suspended staffing ratios in the following areas:

Suspensions of staffing ratios are not necessary at this time.

(2) Our district delayed the following number of teacher contracts:

N/A. DJJ does not use contracts since all teachers are state employees.

(2)b The following number of contracts were not renewed

3 recent vacancies are not being filled.

(3) Our district negotiated the following number of retiree salaries

None at this time.

(4) Our district furloughed teachers the following number of days

None at this time.

(4)b Our district furloughed administrators the following number of days

None at this time.

(5) Our district has suspended the following noninstructional/nonessential programs for the 2009-2010 school year.

Reduced part-time personnel who provided and supervised recreational sports, extra-curricular programs, and other therapeutic programs for DJJ students.

District Approval: The signatures below certify that this action was approved at a regularly scheduled school board meeting.

Board Chair Signature:

Date:

Superintendent Signature:

Date:

Completed by: (please print)

Sylvia Murray

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